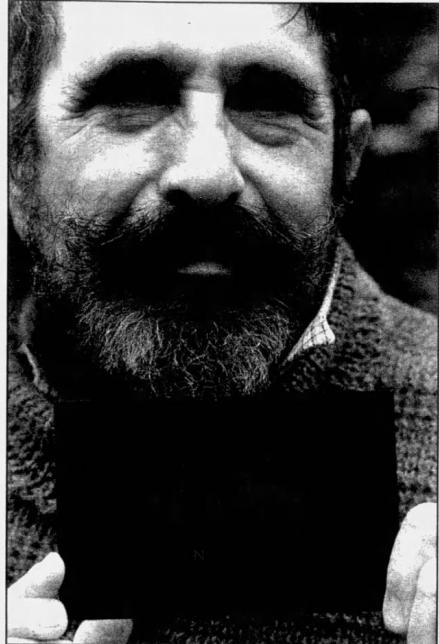


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**BLAZING VESSEL:**  
Mr Roy Thompson-Holland of Woodmansey with a plate showing the freighter Forresbank on fire off South Africa's "Wild Coast".

## Passenger recalls freighter sinking

By Patrick O'Flynn  
NEWS REPORTER

after re-boarding the stricken vessel.

"This was a tricky operation since Forresbank was in ballast, riding high out of the water, rolling and pitching, while several large sharks circling below made it most unwise to attempt jumping into the water."

One man died in the explosion, but 54 crew members survived. Mr Thompson-Holland's illustration of the fire was printed in several South African and Rhodesian newspapers of the time.

Mr Thompson-Holland said the incredibly strong currents off the Wild Coast swept the stricken Forresbank from 17 miles offshore on to rocks 20 miles south of Port St Johns.

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